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## White Democratic Ticket.

For Mayor: CHAS. H. BLISS.  
For Marshal: C. F. SCHAD.  
For Tax-Collector: JNO. CARY WHITING.  
For Treasurer: WM. G. DAILEY.  
For Aldermen at Large: Precinct 12—CHAS. H. GINGLES.  
Precinct 15—WM. HAYS.  
For Precinct Aldermen: Precinct 1—A. H. DALEMBERT.  
Precinct 13—P. K. YONGE.  
Precinct 14—JAS. McHUGH.  
Precinct 15—W. B. WRIGHT.

## The Panama Canal Edition.

Work on The Journal's Pensacola and Panama Canal Edition is progressing most satisfactorily now.

The public—that is, the enterprising portion of it—is responding liberally to the enterprise and when the publication is issued it will unquestionably contain the most representative business support ever given to a work of that kind.

The Journal's Progress and Prosperity Edition of last year, attracted more attention to Pensacola than any similar publication had ever succeeded in doing, before, and it had the effect of bringing scores of winter visitors here and some permanent residents as well.

The following letter is but a sample of the kind which have been coming to The Journal as a result of last year's edition:

Vinton, Va., March 29, 1905.  
Editor Pensacola Journal, Pensacola, Fla.: Please find enclosed 10 cents for a copy of your paper. Would also like one of the Progress and Prosperity Editions if you have any left. A copy was sent me and I sent it to a man in Summitville, Tenn. It has brought one family to your city and two men are looking up your city with an idea of moving there. Another will be there before the summer is over and I hope to be there in May. Respectfully,  
R. LILLEY.

All of this is but a sample of the good that is accomplished by the kind of work The Journal is doing, and that work ought to be supported by every man who has a business or owns a foot of real estate in the city of Pensacola.

Every time a visitor spends a week in Pensacola he leaves a certain amount of money in the city. Every time a new family settles here it means that much additional trade for our business men. Every time a new enterprise locates here it means that much new working capital for our industries.

Publication like The Journal's Pensacola and Panama Canal Edition are intended to bring new visitors, new residents and new industries to the city—and the results of The Journal's previous work show that it is doing just what it intended to do.

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN CHICAGO.

The election of Judge Dunne, the democratic candidate, as mayor of Chicago was a straight-out victory for municipal ownership, and municipal ownership of the most advanced type at that.

It does not mean municipal ownership simply of waterworks and a lighting system, but of the street car system as well—a system which, in the city of Chicago, probably aggregates in value over \$200,000,000.

While there were several candidates in the field, including a socialist candidate who polled over 20,000 votes, Judge Dunne received a majority of all the votes cast, showing unmistakably that a majority of the people in Chicago are in favor of the immediate ownership by the city of the public utilities in the city.

The growth of the municipal owner-

ship idea in the past few years has been something remarkable and not the least remarkable feature in connection with it is the fact that, though essentially socialist and presented originally by the socialists themselves, it is being worked out through the two old parties—both of which, in the city of Chicago, adopted municipal ownership platforms. The main difference in these platforms lay in the fact that the republicans wanted municipal ownership some time in the future and the democrats wanted it right away—and the latter won out.

The experience of Chicago will now become a matter of world-wide interest and its success or failure will have a great influence on the action of other cities in dealing with the same subject.

For this reason therefore a tremendous effort will no doubt be made to defeat the success of the proposed municipal ownership policy. Every obstacle possible will be thrown in its way; every legal restraint will be employed to hold it back; every conceivable attempt will be made to discredit it before the people of Chicago and in the eyes of the world at large.

Despite all this, however, municipal ownership is destined eventually to become a fixed policy in American government and while its opponents may succeed in delaying it for a time they cannot prevent its final victory in the end.

## HAS THE TROLLEY-CAR PROBLEM BEEN SOLVED?

The following special from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to the New York Herald, is replete with speculative suggestion:

The big gasoline motor car recently built in the Union Pacific shops in Omaha, is to be sent to Portland, Ore., to be operated on the Union Pacific in suburban service in direct competition with an interurban line. Since the secrecy which surrounded the construction of the vehicle has been lifted and the car has been fully tested, railroad men have been coming long distances to learn more about the car. It has traveled forty miles

## The Mystery of the Maine Explained.

(Atlanta News.)

The arrest and conviction of Gessler Rosseau, or Russell, charged with having sent an infernal machine to the pier of the Cunard steamship line two years ago, has apparently resulted in clearing up one of the deepest mysteries connected with modern history.

This is nothing less than the blowing up of the Maine. It cannot be denied that whatever may have been the additional motives, it was the destruction of the Maine which precipitated hostilities between this country and Spain. We had taken a humanitarian interest in the cause of the struggling Cubans. We sympathized deeply with them in their efforts to throw off the yoke of Spain and take their place among the nations of the earth.

But it may well be doubted whether we would ever have taken an active part in the conflict if it had not been for the terrible catastrophe in Havana harbor.

Heretofore it had seemed that this momentous event was to remain one of the insoluble mysteries of our history. There were those who maintained that the explosion was the result of an accident, but the majority of the people of the United States would have believed to the end of time that it was the result of a devilish plot on the part of the Spaniards.

Rosseau comes forward, however, and declares that it was he who made the bomb, and that it was quite by accident that the Maine was destroyed. He declares that he went to Florida at the instance of a number of Cubans and Cuban sympathizers for the purpose of making bombs to be used in the interest of Cuban freedom. These bombs were destined to be used in destroying the Spanish ships in Havana harbor, but while a Cuban patriot was attempting to attach one of the bombs to a Spanish vessel an accident occurred which resulted in the destruction of the Maine. The bungler committed suicide.

Thus the engineer was hoist by his own petard. Instead of wreaking vengeance on the enemy, the Cuban patriot dealt the American navy a fearful blow and precipitated hostilities between this country and Spain.

Of course, it is possible that Rosseau is evolving the entire story from the depths of his imagination, but it is not entirely probable. It sounds plausible.

He maintains that he is not an Anarchist, but a patriotic American. He says it was his hatred of England which induced him to send the bomb to the Cunard pier, merely to frighten John Bull, and a hatred of kings in general which led him to attempt to blow up the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington.

Accordingly, it was his intense Americanism which caused him to take the part of the Cubans and attempt to overthrow the power of Spain on this side the Atlantic.

In the absence of any other explanation of the mystery of the Maine, we shall have to accept this, the first and only one which bears the earmarks of soundness.

So the confession of Gessler Rosseau becomes a matter of historic and international importance. He was a potent factor in changing the map of the world.

an hour, and is said to be able to go sixty miles an hour.

It can be operated at far less expense than an electric car of like capacity; it requires no overhead construction, and is entirely independent in its operation. Railroad men are interested because they believe it solves the problem of competing with the trolley lines.

This trolley problem has been growing serious, even west of the Mississippi, for the last two or three years. The Rock Island system in Iowa has been especially unfortunate. Trolley lines in the eastern and central parts of the state have paralleled a large part of its main line mileage, practically destroying the local business, both freight and passenger. The Union Pacific management investigated the question of gasoline cars fully and had a sample car built. To keep the trolleys out of competition the Union Pacific intends to build these cars as fast as necessary and run them independent of the through service.

If this experiment proves the success of the gasoline motor car, it will also prove the solution of the problem in suburban, rural, and all local freight and passenger traffic which will revolutionize many of the conditions of both rural and city life.

When the necessity of installing and maintaining expensive power plants and overhead wiring has been eliminated, and each car can be operated by its own individual power, the possibilities of the extension of motor-car service can hardly be comprehended.

All suburban districts can be supplied with motor cars and almost every farm house in every rural community can be in touch with a motor car line. Small freight can be handled extensively and even heavy loads of farm produce can be hauled to market by this means.

Sooner or later the trolley car system will be superseded by something better and less expensive and it may be that in this latest experiment will be found the trolley car's successor.

Whether it was because of The Journal's warm editorial of last Sunday or for other reasons, the fact remains that certain of the South Palatka street joints were last week closed up, others were compelled to take out proper licenses, and still others which have no right to be running at all, have been more guarded in their operations. There is a mighty fine opportunity just now for the officers of the law to do their duty.

Governor Broward's Message to the Legislature is receiving some very complimentary notices at the hands of the state press. It was a sound, logical, common sense document, and its recommendations almost without exception, were in the line of progress and good government.

If there is a prettier or more inspiring sight in the world than Uncle Sam's great white war monsters now lying peacefully on the bosom of the blue waters of Pensacola bay, we have no idea where it is or what it can be.

Pensacola was full of conventions and meetings last week and is full of excursionists to-day. The world at large is now beginning to learn that Pensacola is on the map.

Judge Chas. B. Parkhill is to be commended for his action in calling the special term of court at Marianna for the trial of the negro ravisher who was convicted there yesterday.

If all courts were as prompt as Judge Parkhill has been in this case, there would be fewer lynchings and, in fact, the real cause of most of the lynchings would be removed.

The Journal's Want Ad Page is the biggest bargain medium in all Florida. The fact is, though, it is the liveliest, most readable, want ad page on the gulf coast.

## VOX POPULI.

J. E. ALLEN CONGRATULATES LALA HOPKINS POWELL.

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh."

I have read and re-read the article under the caption: "Is Coquetry a Lost Art," by Lala Hopkins Powell. I feel like I want to take off my hat to that lady and shake her hand in token of my appreciation of her sentiments.

God never intended that the sexes should be separated, else why did He place Adam and Eve in the same garden? It makes me sick to read about stag parties and women's socials. What would this world be without the women? Why, if I were to wake up some morning and find beyond doubt that all the women had left the earth, I would, from the sadness of my heart, exclaim: "Gabriel, blow your trumpet and be quick about it."

Who wants to dwell in darkness and solitude? God is good and wise, and has created everything for a good purpose; and, as long as we use our great common blessings we may be sure of coming out right.

All through my course of 54 years teaching, I have invariably encouraged the boys and girls to play together under my supervision. The girls and boys exercise a good moral influence over each other. If a boy is rather rough in his manners, I know of nothing better qualified to elevate him than the companionship of nice young ladies. It is natural with the male sex to honor and respect the females; and I thank God from the bottom of my heart for that knowledge.

Our social relations are assuming a terrible condition. Unless the wise and virtuous of our times take hold of our social affairs, it will only be a matter of a few years when the sacred bond of matrimony will not be worth the paper upon which it is written.

Mr. Editor, I consider the Primary of last Tuesday as a grand endorsement of the primary system. When I look back to the days when a lot of delegates would meet and cast complimentary votes for good men, and then turn right around and nominate an inferior man for the office, it makes my heart rejoice to think the people have been placed in power, and the politicians have been relegated to the rear. I thank God all the people can not be bought.

SAID OF PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS.

Taking on New Life. Pensacola is doubtless taking on new life. The war ships are there galore now and things will be lively in the Deep Water City for the next two months at least.—Marianna Times-Courier.

Most Formidable Fleet. One of the most formidable fleets that has ever anchored at any American port in time of peace is that which is lazily tugging at the great cables in Pensacola bay today. This consists of the battleships of the North Atlantic Squadron.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

The Municipal Campaign. Pensacola's municipal campaign is getting warm, and the crop of candidates is large.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Transfer the County. If Swayne can't be removed from office Levy county would like to be transferred to the southern district.—Levy County Times-Democrat.

After "Bill" Lamar. A writer in The Pensacola Journal says an Apalachicola man is spoken of as the successor of Congressman W. B. Lamar, in congress. Since when did the people of his district decide that they wanted a successor for this brilliant Floridian? As he is one of the state's brightest stars in the political firmament, it seems likely that he can stay as long as he wants to, so far as his people are concerned.—Tampa Herald.

To Contest Mallory's Seat. The report that Congressman W. B. Lamar will contest the senatorship with Senator Mallory is doubtless based on facts, and it presages a very active and interesting conflict. It is, however, by no means sure that the race will not be participated in by other candidates. There is some reason to tread the long drawn out fight, which it has become the habit to make in Florida over prominent positions, as they inflict a considerable jar upon the regular course of business and industry. Too much politics is not a condition to be sought after.—Tampa Times.

Now for Trouble! The Pensacola Journal says that Editor Frank Harris, of the Ocala Banner, approves of Dr. Osler's idea about retiring or chloroforming men over sixty years of age, and remarks that Mr. Harris is old enough to know what he is talking about. Now watch the fur fly!—Arcadia News.

Formerly of Pensacola. A veteran newspaper man and printer who was in town the other day was Jeff L. Davis, who not long since was associate editor of the Suwannee Democrat. Jeff has since moved over to Perry, where he is running the Taylor County Topics and fixing to grow with that growing town. He is a

typographical artist of the good old "hand composition days" and has "held cases" in Tallahassee during more than one session of the legislature. Way back in the 90's Jeff was in Pensacola, where he had a paper called The Star, which shone with undimmed lustre from a tiny, box like office in the opera-house block on East Government street, very nearly opposite to where Frank L. Mayes is now getting out his big issues of The Journal. It was while he was running the Star that Jeff evolved from the chunk of yellow pine that famous hand press, operated on the good old crank plan, upon which he succeeded in doing some remarkably good work. Men of this sort are not to be kept down anywhere, and least of all in Florida; and nobody who knows Jeff L. Davis will be at all surprised to hear that he is still "all to the good."—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Real Estate Booming. Pensacola real estate, too, is changing hands, as well as in Jacksonville. The change is for improvement—to make it better than at present.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Her "Glad Clothes." Pensacola is beginning to get her "glad clothes" on again. The war ships are scheduled to arrive there the latter part of this month.—Monticello News.

Democratic Paper. Democrats of Florida should hold in high esteem the Pensacola Journal. This daily prints the news in attractive

## Why Not Make Election of the White Democratic Nominees Unanimous?

Since the White Democratic Primary was held last Tuesday, acquisitions to the Primary forces have been marked on all sides.

The voters participating in the Primary are sufficient in numbers to elect the nominees, but this big force has now been augmented by the active support of scores who, though not hostile to the Primary, did not participate in it, but will now vote for the White Democratic candidates.

All this insures the election of Mr. Bliss and the whole ticket—now why not make it unanimous?

The cry for years has been that we needed less politics and more progress, less discord and more harmony, in city affairs. There is a chance to secure that greatly desired state of affairs now.

The opponents of the Primary based their opposition on the ground that it was the work of a political faction, conceived and brought forth for the purpose of electing Mr. Rellly mayor of Pensacola.

And straightway thereafter these selfsame opponents of what they were pleased to designate as "ring rule," formed themselves into a little ring and proceeded to nominate a candidate of their own.

If what these people said about the Primary had really been true, THEY STILL OFFERED NO IMPROVEMENT OVER IT, and the public would simply have been left to decide which of two "rings," or collars, it wanted about its neck.

But in the meantime there entered the lists a third candidate—CHAS. H. BLISS.

No one could accuse Mr. Bliss of being connected with a ring or of belonging to a faction. He had never taken an active part in politics and the public knew him only as a versatile writer and a man who was never afraid to handle a subject without gloves when the occasion demanded it.

Mr. Bliss entered the Primary as a candidate and emerged as its nominee—not the representative of a ring or a faction; not the victor by virtue of his money (because he has none)—but what many are now pleased to term as a COMPROMISE candidate, who won his nomination because of what he represented as a MUNICIPAL REFORMER.

Because of these things, Mr. Bliss is going to be elected by a tremendous majority—the biggest ever given a mayoralty candidate in Pensacola.

Why not, therefore, as we suggested above, withdraw the opposition to Mr. Bliss and the balance of the White Democratic nominees and MAKE THEIR ELECTION UNANIMOUS?

Such a thing would be an innovation in Pensacola politics, but it would be as welcome to the public now as its results would prove profitable to the public interests in the end, and there is not a voter in the city who could not CONSISTENTLY ADOPT THIS COURSE.

This is one time in our history when the patriotic citizens of Pensacola are in a position to bury factionalism and to unanimously get together on a municipal policy. Let us take advantage of the opportunity before it is too late.

## A Few Railway Facts

By J. H. Maddy.

Agitation for legislation to fix freight rates, and in some cases even more radical arguments favoring government ownership, are calculated to attract attention to the other side of the question in the American desire to secure a "square deal." A few facts regarding the benefits derived from the railways and the consideration due shareholders and employees were recorded in the last issue of the Bankers' Magazine.

About \$12,000,000,000 of railway bonds and stocks are held by investors of all classes. Many of these are widows and orphans who are entirely dependent upon their dividends. Others are institutions of learning or charity; the returns being most worthily expended. And in any case is the rate of earning excessive? From official reports it appears that during the last ten years for which full returns are available about half the capital stock paid no dividends whatever, and the average rate was only 2.21 per cent. per annum. Of the half that paid regular earnings, the average for the decade was only 5.41 per cent. Even including the bonded indebtedness it is seen that the stockholders have not secured an excessive return from these investments which have made possible the railway development of the nation.

A mileage of about 200,000 would be an impossibility but for the millions of dollars loaned by those who had confidence in the development of farming and other industries; risking a permanent loss and certainly sacrificing a temporary interest return in most cases, until the population and business increased sufficiently to assure dividends.

Some figures bearing on this point may be found in the Census report of farm land values. Taking a group of thirteen western states in which the railway mileage increased 340 per cent. from 1870 to 1900, it is found that the value of farming lands in the same states rose more than 500 per cent.

style, and its editorials bear no mark of that sinister influence which has labored in this state to corrupt the public press. The Pensacola Journal is fair, conservative, and democratic.—Monticello News.

United States as Spoke.

After glancing over the columns of the Pensacola News, we can imagine the anti-grammar reporter of that paper saying to himself in a melancholy moment, "The days that have went can never come again."—Mobile Herald.

Salt of the Earth.

Mr. Percy S. Hayes, writing from Washington to the Pensacola Journal, says that an Apalachicola man is spoken of to succeed W. B. Lamar in congress. Apalachicola is salt of the earth, and can fill any position with honor to themselves and credit to their constituents.—Apalachicola Times.

A Live Newspaper Man.

The bright and breezy Washington letter published some time since in the Pensacola Journal, and reproduced in the Times-Union, was from the pen of Percy S. Hayes, the city editor of the former paper, who has long been recognized by newspaper men throughout the state as one of the best men in the business. Mr. Hayes's Washington letter showed the keen insight and the faculty of reading between lines that have made him invaluable to The Journal, and which are a sufficient guarantee of his future usefulness in his chosen field.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

## OPERA HOUSE

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## Political Announcements.

CITY ELECTION CANDIDATES.

FOR MAYOR.

The friends of C. L. Shine announce him as a candidate for mayor at the city election June 6, and they ask the support of all voters on that date.

FOR CITY TAX COLLECTOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of tax collector of the city of Pensacola and ask the support of all voters at the city election.

NEILS McK. OERTING.

FOR CITY TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for City Treasurer, in the city election of June 6, 1905.

MANSFIELD MORENO.

For City Marshal.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for City Marshal at the election to be held June 6, 1905. I respectfully ask the support of all voters.

FRANK WILDE.

For City Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Treasurer and ask the support of all voters at the city election to be held June 6th.

JOS. I. JOHNSON.

FOR ALDERMAN, PRECINCT 13.

I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of precinct alderman from Precinct No. 13 at the city election in June, and ask the suffrage of the voters.

O. M. PRYOR.

For Alderman, Precinct 12.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as alderman at large from Precinct No. 12, at the city election to be held in June, and ask the support of the voters in the city.

W. L. MOYER.

## DIRECTORY

Pensacola Lodge No. 3, K. of P. meets every Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock at their Castle Hall, Blount Watson building, corner Palafox and Garden streets. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

H. C. VON WERDER, C. C.

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Meetings of the Knights of Columbus are held at their hall, No. 8 West Intendencia street, on every Monday evening in the month, at 7:30 o'clock. An invitation is extended to visiting Knights.

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JOHN WILLOCK, Chief Patriarch.

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